

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT SHERIFF'S DEPUTY INJURED**

**BEALETON** – A Fauquier County Sheriff's Office deputy was transported to the hospital with injury after being assaulted while conducting an investigation. Deputies were called to an apartment complex on Willow Drive in Bealeton on Thursday night, December 19, 2019, at 8:10 p.m., for a report of a fight in progress in one of the apartments.

During the investigation deputies encountered a male identified as Francis Thomas Tierney, Jr. Tierney was located in an apartment determined to be the possible location of the altercation. As deputies attempted to question Tierney he became agitated and uncooperative. Tierney then assaulted Cpl. C.T. Irby causing injury. Tierney was subdued and taken into custody by another deputy.

Cpl. Irby was transported to Fauquier Hospital for treatment of a shoulder injury. It was later determined Tierney and his wife were involved in a domestic altercation during which Tierney is alleged to have thrown a chair from a balcony and punched holes in a wall prompting the call to 9-1-1 from a neighbor.



Francis Thomas Tierney, Jr., 27, of Bealeton, is charged with a felony for assault and battery on a law enforcement officer and misdemeanor obstruction of justice. Tierney is being held with no bond at the Fauquier County Adult Detention Center.

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